

# The Prophecy Club

**Worksheet 5:** “Zechariah’s Visions – Visions 9:

“Jerusalem/Israel and the Two Judgments – First – the Scattering”

**Date:** April 24, 2023 @ 9 AM (PDT)

**Ninth Vision:** Zechariah 7:4-14

**Prophetic Symbols in the Vision:**

Prophetic Symbol	Meaning
Israel	Israel was the term for the northern 10 tribes, after the split... Israel was scattered... displaced to the Caucasus Mountains by Assyria and spread from there into Europe. The capitol was Samaria.
Judah	Judah was Benjamin and Judah, which were in Jerusalem and Judea...
Adamant Stone	Israel rebelled against Yahweh and His Law. They refused to repent. This is what it meant to make their hearts as an adamant stone.
Scattering of Israel	The scattering is a judgment for Israel’s Idolatry... It has two purposes: 1) a spanking to bring repentance, 2) it is evangelistic (the Gospel / Torah) goes to wherever Israel is scattered.



**The Reason for the first Judgment:**

*Zechariah 7:12-13*

*Israel would not hear/obey (shama) the Torah... They made their hearts like an "adamant stone".*

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-5** – Shema Israel (hear)

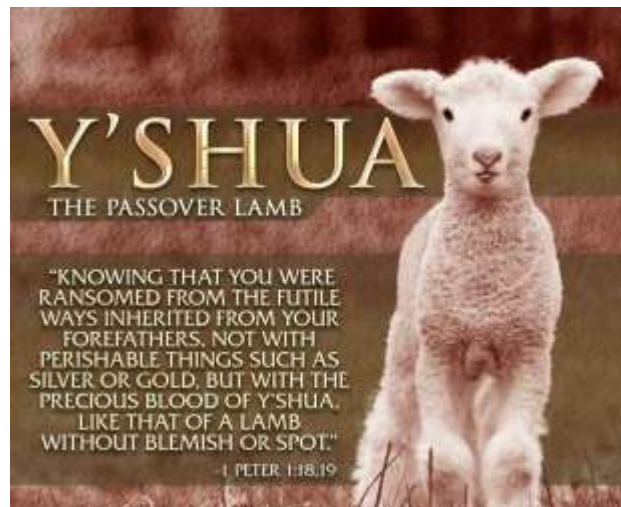
Israel, Yahweh is one (first, supreme, solely God)... Love Yahweh your God with all your heart and soul and might."

- **Ephesians 4:17-19** – Blindness and ignorance (to Torah – Isaiah 8:20) cause people to be lawless (Torah-breakers... which manifests in "lewdness" "wickedness")
- **2 Chronicles 7:14** – If My people will humble themselves and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways (the opposite of having a stony heart), then Yahweh will hear, will forgive and will heal their land.
- **Jeremiah 11:14** – trouble comes from having a rebellious heart... it's the judgment for it... and when it comes, Yahweh doesn't want us to pray to remove the judgment from the judged.
- **Zechariah 7:14** - "They laid the Pleasant Land desolate" (*connection with the Abomination of Desolation*)

Over and over again, in Scripture, we see the connection between Israel, who are the saved people of God, and the symbol of sheep – Matthew 15:24

Yahshua spoke the Truth – of course – when He said that He had only come to save the lost sheep of the house of Israel. That is because Salvation is only provided for Israel. All may accept the offer of Salvation, but in so doing, we all become Abraham's Seed. In other words, when we are saved – we are Israel – Galatians 3:16 & 27-29.

Sheep are a symbol of Israel. And it is because Yahshua was come to save the lost sheep of the House of Israel that He was called our



Passover Lamb – the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

What is the Promise that God made with Abraham and his Seed? – Genesis 17:1-2, 7-9

- Yahweh made a Covenant with Abraham and his seed.
- It was an “everlasting Covenant”.
- Being in the Covenant with Yahweh involves KEEPING the terms of the Covenant.

<b>Terms of the Abrahamic Covenant</b>	
<b>Yahweh’s Terms (Promises)</b>	<b>Our Terms (Promises)</b>
<b>Promise of the land</b> —Yahweh would give the Promised Land (ultimately planet Earth—the New Earth) to Abraham and his seed. Only Abraham’s Seed is saved—Genesis 17:8 & 15:18.	<b>Promise of the land</b> —The New Earth will be sinless, which means all the saved will keep the Law of Yahweh. As such, Abraham and his seed agree to keep the Torah—Genesis 26:5; John 8:39; 1 John 3:4; 2 Pet. 3:13
<b>Promise of the descendants</b> — Yahweh promised to give Abraham an innumerable multitude of seed, in fact, since Abraham is the “father of the faithful”, spiritually, his seed includes all the saved who lived before him—Gen. 12:2; 15:5; 22:17; Romans 4:16.	<b>Promise of the descendants</b> — Abraham and his seed were to bless others with teaching the Truth, share the Gospel, and cause others to also become the Seed of Abraham. Abraham’s Seed is to bless the whole earth—Galatians 3:27-29; Genesis 22:18.
<b>Promise of Blessing and Redemption</b> — Yahweh promised to be a personal God unto Abraham and his seed. In Him, they would all be redeemed. The Heavenly Jerusalem only has 12 Gates, each bearing a tribe name. This is because only Israel is saved—Gen. 17:7; Gen 12:1-3; Gal 3:16.	<b>Promise of Blessing and Redemption</b> —the Seed of Abraham were to demonstrate the sign that they were true keepers of the Covenant: circumcision, which is first and foremost, of the heart. This circumcision is still required—Gen. 17:1-14; Deut. 10:12-22; Col. 2:11; Rom. 2:27-29.



Who is Abraham’s Seed? The Bible uses the term “seed” to mean children, or descendants (Galatians 3:16). Abraham was the father of Isaac, who begat Jacob. And Jacob was renamed Israel. Jacob had 12 sons, who were the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel. Thus, we see that Israel is another name for Abraham’s Seed.

No one is automatically a part of Israel simply because of their DNA. Yahshua Himself said plainly that—although the Pharisees were literally Abraham’s seed, being Jewish- they were not really Abraham’s Seed. In fact, He even said they were of their father who was the devil.

**John 8:39** – “They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Yahshua saith unto them, **If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.**”

**Genesis 26:5** – “Because that Abraham obeyed My Voice, and kept My Charge (the portion of the Covenant which Yahweh commanded His people to keep), My Commandments (the Ten Commandments), My Statutes (the 613 Statutes, found in Genesis to Deuteronomy), and my Laws (Torah).”

- The works of Abraham, which define who is the seed of Abraham (Israel) are obedience to Yahweh and keeping His Torah.

Being Israel is first and foremost a choice. God calls everyone to be saved. And when we choose Him, WE choose to become part of Israel. And God honors our choice. We see this plainly in Scripture. Here are a few powerful examples:

When the Children of **Israel** were delivered from their bondage in Egypt, the Bible says **a mixed multitude** joined them (Exodus 12:38).

At the Exodus, Israel was made up of some Egyptians – for Scripture tells us that there were Egyptians who witnessed the plagues, believed Yahweh and came under the Passover blood protection by coming into the blood-covered homes of Israel by faith. There were also slaves from other nations taken in conquest over the years. But when these people-with no Abrahamic DNA- chose to believe in Yahweh and follow Him out of Egypt, **they became Israel.**

The Gospel of Matthew begins with a genealogy (*Matthew 1:1-16*), Yahshua’s family tree. Many Bible readers are surprised that Rahab shows up on the list of the genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1:5). Yahshua- the Lamb of God, Who came to save the sheep of the House of Israel – had Rahab in His ancestry!

Rahab was not an Israelite. She was a Canaanite, who lived in the city of Jericho. And she wasn’t even a good person. Scripture tells us she was a “harlot” – that’s a prostitute!

When you think of Yahweh putting the saved Sheep of Israel on the right in Judgment Day and the lost goats are put on the left, Rahab seems to be a classic example of a goat. Yet, being in Messiah’s genealogy proves beyond all question that Rahab changed sides. Rahab became Israel. Rahab became a sheep of Yahweh’s pasture.

Thus, we see that **Israel is a spiritual connection**. The bloodline that makes anyone Israel is the Blood of Yahshua – Galatians 3:27-29

- **Galatians 3:27** “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Yahshua. And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the Promise.”

But because the sheep of Israel were rebellious and idolatrous, Yahweh scattered them... This prophecy is both literal and spiritual – Zechariah 7:14. But the scattering is not only punishment, which is designed to bring Israel to repentance, it is also evangelistic!

The scattering will happen again – in the Last Days! – Daniel 12:7 – In the final 1260 Days (Time of Trouble, aka Time of Jacob’s Trouble) the “holy people” (Israel) will be scattered... Specifically it says, Yahweh will “scatter the power of the holy people”... What is the power? The Holy Spirit in them... The Truth... The Gospel... “This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world (because Israel is scattered) for a witness and then shall the End come.”

- **Acts 8:1 & 4** – Persecution brings the scattering of the power of the holy people.... Scattering isn’t comfortable! But the scattering of the power of the holy people brings the Gospel and the Holy Spirit – those who are scattered preach the Gospel to the whole world.
- **Acts 11:19** – Scattering the power of the holy people involves the Gospel going to the different groups in order... First the Bride (the first people who receive the outpouring)... then the Gospel goes to the virgins (sleeping). Acts 11:19 tells us that after the scattering began, the Jerusalem people went to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (wrongly called the Jews)
  - **First Jerusalem (Bride)**... Judea (sleeping virgins, idolatrous Israel – being called into reformation, repentance, restoration)... Samaria (Christians who have distorted the Law most, Sunday keepers)... and then uttermost parts of the earth (the heathen).
- James 1:1 – Israel is scattered... and the apostles were laboring for the restoration and salvation of Israel.

We have seen that Israel is first and foremost a spiritual term and that anyone who loves and chooses God can join Israel. When we become a part of Israel, we are given a place amongst the 12 tribes of Israel. This is why the New Jerusalem’s 12 gates each have one of the names of the 12 tribes upon them. All who are saved will be able to enter into those Gates. Let’s keep this in mind as we go forward in our study today.

Today, many people think that the people known as “the Jews” are Israel. But, this is not accurate, nor is it biblical. While all twelve tribes of Israel were united, they were simply known as “Israel.” The Jews, which is a nickname for the descendants from the tribe of Judah, are not Israel. Jews are only representative of ONE of the twelve tribes. The House of Judah became what is known as the Jews today. But the House of Israel was a term used for the remaining ten tribes.

To demonstrate this, let's consider a bit of Biblical history. After David's death, Solomon ascended to the throne of Israel while it was still united and included all of the twelve tribes of Israel.



During the reign of Solomon, Israel was a wonder in the world. Solomon produced renowned gardens, wealth, palaces and the world-famous Temple of Yahweh.

But, Solomon did not remain faithful to Yahweh. He practiced idolatry with his many pagan wives. He became proud and haughty for the great wisdom with which Yahweh had blessed him.

**1 Kings 11:1-11** – Solomon married many pagan princesses – and had hundreds more as his concubines. These women worshipped other gods (idols)... Solomon began installing worship centers for these pagan gods in the land of Israel. His own heart was divided into pagan affiliations (he didn't have a perfect heart towards Yahweh, which means he wasn't whole-hearted in his devotion to Yahweh anymore). *This idolatry of Israel is why it was scattered.*

The judgment for Solomon's idolatry was that the Kingdom of Israel would be taken away from him and given unto another, who was not of his bloodline. So the kingdom of Israel was taken from Solomon, with only the kingdom of Judah remaining to Solomon's bloodline. It happened in the reign of Solomon's son.

**1 Kings 11:12-13** – Solomon is told that Yahweh will take away Israel from him (his bloodline), but not in his lifetime – from his son... for David's sake.

So, as the Bible tells us plainly, the kingdom of Israel was taken out of the hand of Solomon's bloodline. And only ONE tribe – Judah, from which we get the name Jews – remained in the region of Jerusalem.



So, the Bible tells us that Yahweh was going to take the Northern ten tribes of Israel away. Only the tribe of Judah would remain. This is exactly what happened. Just one tribe would remain for David's sake – Judah. Later in history, the people from the tribe of Judah came to be nicknamed "Jews."

So the kingdom of Judah came to be in the hands of Rehoboam, the son of Solomon. And Jereboam, who was formerly Solomon's servant, was made the KING OVER ISRAEL. From this



point onwards, Israel was no longer a term used for the tribe of Judah, but came to biblically refer to the ten northern tribes, rent (torn away from with violence) from Solomon's bloodline.

**1 Kings 11:36-38** – Israel was given to Jereboam. So from this point onwards, the former Israel is now divided into:

**JUDAH** – capital Jerusalem

**ISRAEL** – capital Samaria

Now, when you add up the northern ten tribes, plus the one tribe of Judah, you have 11 tribes – not 12. The 12<sup>th</sup> tribe was Benjamin, which later co-mingled with Judah and became absorbed into it.



And from the point of the division onward, the tribe of Judah would be known as the House of Judah. And the northern ten tribes would be known as the House of Israel. The northern ten tribes would be led by Joseph's sons, as we already read in 1 Kings. This meant that the ten tribes would be led by Ephraim and Manasseh. This was a fulfillment of the dying blessing of Jacob.

Genesis 48:5 – Jacob (Israel) claimed Joseph's sons as part of the 12 tribes.

So when Jacob was dying, whom Yahweh renamed Israel, he blessed Ephraim and Manasseh and said that his name –Israel- would be named on them -Ephraim and Manasseh.

So how did the tribe of Benjamin come to be absorbed into the Kingdom of Judah?

**1 Kings 12:20-24** – Benjamin allied with Judah to go to war against Israel after the division. And Yahweh stopped the war by telling Benjamin and Judah that this division is of Him and not to fight their brothers (Israel).

Benjamin came to be joined to Judah by allying with Rehoboam, king of Judah against the House of Israel, or the northern 10 tribes. Now we have all twelve tribes in our Biblical story. Judah was joined with Benjamin, together forming the House of Judah. And the northern ten tribes were now called the House of Israel or the Children of Israel.

It was at this point that Judah and Benjamin became what is now called the JEWS.

To demonstrate once again that the term Jews was not used for Israel, consider the Biblical account recorded in

- **2 Kings 16:6** “At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the **Jews** from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.” (In this

war, Israel was on one side and Judah – Jews – on the other. Israel is not Judah. Judah is not Israel.)

This Scripture (2 Kings 16) is the first time the word “Jew” appears in the Bible. Take note of how the Jews were a separate group from Israel, at this point in Biblical history.

The Bible record not only tells us how Israel came to be separated from Judah and the kingdoms divided, it also tells what happened to the northern ten tribes, now known as Israel.

There were 19 generations of kings who reigned over Israel, from Jeroboam to Hoshea, before the idolatry of Israel became so great that Yahweh foretold His intent to disperse them. Please note that this did not include Judah.

- **1 Kings 14:15** – Yahweh said that He would root up Israel and cast it out of the land because of their idolatry... So, if Israel is scattered – cast out of the land – it can no longer be called the land of Israel... Israel isn't there anymore.

So the Bible clearly shows that Yahweh was going to remove Israel from the land of Palestine. This judgment of Israel took place, because of Israel's terrible idolatry.

- **2 Kings 17:20-24** – Israel was completely removed – forcibly (the scattering) – and taken by Assyria. Their homes and region was repopulated by the Assyrians who brought in pagans from many cultures.

Because of its idolatry, the set apart land was being polluted. Israel had become as wicked as the former occupants, whom Yahweh had purged from the land. So the Bible tells us that Assyria invaded the land of Israel and took the northern ten tribes out of their land and dispossessed them.

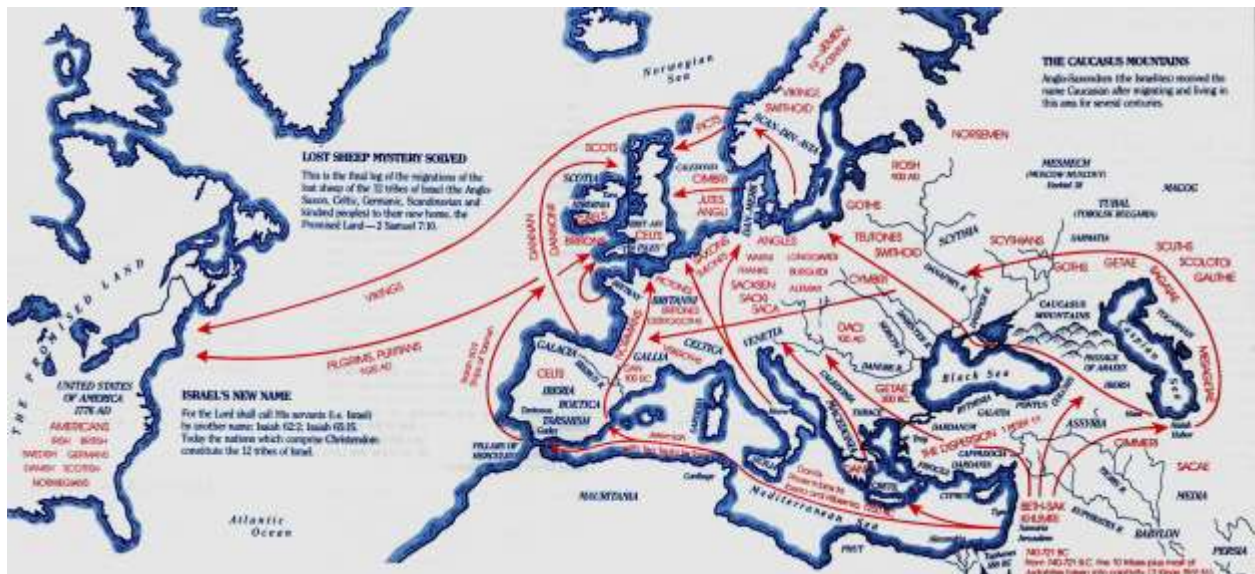
This is why the encounter of Yahshua with the woman at the well in Samaria was especially meaningful. The Samaritans were not Israel. They were descendants from Assyria, who had come to Samaria, the former capital of Israel, and taken over their city and region. Because the Samaritans were the descendants of the Assyrian invasion, the Jews hated them and viewed them as “dogs.”



So what happened to Israel, after Assyria drove them out of their land and took them captive? The House of Israel became the Anglo-Saxons, Celtic, Germanic, Scandinavian and kindred peoples. They are scattered throughout the world.



As the House of Israel migrated north and west, their names changed over the centuries. This, too, was foretold in Bible prophecy. For example, the Sons of Isaac, would in time be shortened to “Isaac-Sons” and then “Saxsons.” They settled in the region known as Europe today.



Because the House of Israel was originally relocated into the region of the Caucasus Mountains, where they remained for about 100 years, they came to be known as Caucasians.

Some regions still clearly bear the name of the tribe which settled there. One example of this is the tribe of Dan. Dan settled in the region formerly called Dan-merk, later changed to Denmark. Their name shows up in landmark names such as the Danube and the Danapris Rivers.

The idea that the ten lost tribes of Israel came to be the Nordic, Caucasian people is an old one that is well documented historically.

A 15th century Latin chronicle, "Chronicon Holsatiae vetus", found in Gottfried Leibniz's *Accessiones historicae* (1698), states the Danes were of the Tribe of Dan." Later the antiquarian, Henry Spelman, pictured on the right, in 1620 had further claimed that the Danes were the Israelite Tribe of Dan.



In the 18th century the Swedish historian Olof von Dalin believed that the ancient Finns (alongside Lapps and Estonians) who sprung from the Neuri descended ultimately from the lost tribes of Israel.



"...the Neuri seem to be remnants of the Ten Tribes of Israel which Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, brought as captives out of Canaan... [When one realizes that] the language of the ancient Finns, Lapps and Estonians is similar to the Hebrew and even that this people in ancient times reckoned their year's beginning from the first of March, and Saturday as their Sabbath, then one sees that the Neuri in all probability had this origin."

*Svearikes Historia*, Volume 1, 1747: pp 54–55.

Finland is identified with the Tribe of Issachar. One reason to connect Finland with the tribe of Issachar is that the Finnish the word for Father is *Isä*, connecting the word to Issachar and its Hebrew etymology:

- "...But one of the most convincing details comes from the Finnish word for Father, which is, *Isä* - almost confirming ancient Finnish ties with the Israelite tribe of Issachar. Only Finnish has such a unique word for Father." Finland: An Israelitish Nation of Issachar

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The promise which Yahweh made some 3800 years ago to Abraham, Isaac and Isaac's sons, recorded in the book of Genesis, has come to pass. Yahweh promised, in Genesis 12 and in Genesis 22:15-18, that the seed of Abraham would be multiplied as the sands of the sea and as the stars of the sky. Today, many estimate that there are between 4-5 hundred million descendants of Israel in the world. Yahweh also promised that the nations of the world would be blessed in the seed of Abraham.

Yahweh then reiterated this promise specifically to Jacob, who was given the name "Israel."

But, as we have already seen, being Israel is more than just possessing Abraham's DNA... It's about belonging to Yahweh and keeping His Covenant.

As we have seen, the scattering of Israel was the foretold punishment for their idolatrous rebellion against Yahweh:

"I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men." Deuteronomy 32:26

Not only was Israel scattered, they were also renamed.

- Isaiah 62:2 – "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and **thou shalt be called by a new name**, which the Mouth of Yahweh shall name."
- Isaiah 65:15 – "And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for Yahweh GOD shall slay thee, **and call His servants by another name.**"

Being displaced from their homes brought many of the House of Israel to repentance. It was because these rebellious Israelites returned to Yahweh and kept His Torah, that we have historical records of Torah observance and Sabbath keeping throughout these regions of Europe.

As is also documented by Pastor Karl F. Schott in the Reformation of Israel in the West, the northern 10 tribes of Israel came to be known as the Irish, British, Swedish, German, Danish, Scottish, and Norwegian.

According to Gurney, in his book History of the Sabbath, even as late as 364 AD, many Caucasian Christians kept the Sabbath. These Sabbath-keeping descendants from Israel were



*"The practice of (keeping the Sabbaths) was continued by Christians who were jealous for the honor of the Mosaic Law... throughout Europe."*  
• (Appendix to Gurney's History of the Sabbath, p 115-116).

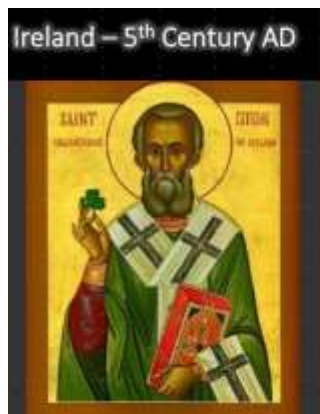
called "accursed from Christ" and were accused of being Judiazers for keeping the Torah and Sabbath.

In the Council of Laodicea, held in C.E. 364, the following proclamation about Sabbath-keepers was made:

***"Because Christians ought not to Judaize, and to rest in the Sabbath, but to work in that day... Preferring in honor the Lord's day (Sunday), if they desired to rest, they should do this as Christians (on Sunday). Wherefore if they shall be found to Judaize (keep Sabbaths), let them be accursed from Christ."*** (History of the Sabbath, p 270)

The Little Horn power of Daniel 7, opposed Israel and persecuted and cursed these Caucasian Torah-keepers.

The Celtic people of Ireland also trace their history to the displaced House of Israel. Older historical sources tell us that the man people now call "Saint" Patrick was a full Sabbath-keeper! He was an elder of faithful Israel in Ireland. In other words, Patrick was part of Israel and he shepherded a congregation of believers who were also Israel, in Ireland.



• According to one historian:  
*"We find traces in the early... church of Ireland (led by Patrick) that they held Saturday to be the Sabbath on which they rested from all their labors."*  
(W.T. Skene, *Adamnan Life of St. Columba*, p. 96)

Also Professor Moffet says: **"It seems to have been customary in the Celtic churches of early times, in Ireland as well as Scotland, to keep Saturday... as a day of rest from labor. They obeyed the fourth Commandment literally upon the seventh day."** (*The Church in Scotland*, p. 140)

"The Scots had received their Christianity from the East, and along with it the 'time' of Easter (Passover) celebration. They were Quarto-decimans (14<sup>th</sup> day – because Passover is on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month). Their practices corresponded with the Paschal



(Passover) table of Anatolius Bishop of Laodicea in Syria.” (Bellesheim’s History of the Catholic Church of Scotland, Vol 1, p 135)

Interestingly enough, the Bible tells us that when the apostles were sent out in the time of the Early Christian Church, they were sent first to the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel.

In his book *The Search for the Twelve Apostles*, by William McBirnie, we find that Simon went to Great Britain, Andrew evangelized the Saxon region of Germany and France. James went to Spain and Paul went to Italy.



This took the Gospel to the whole world and reawakened the seed of Israel, with many additional spiritual converts, to Torah-keeping.

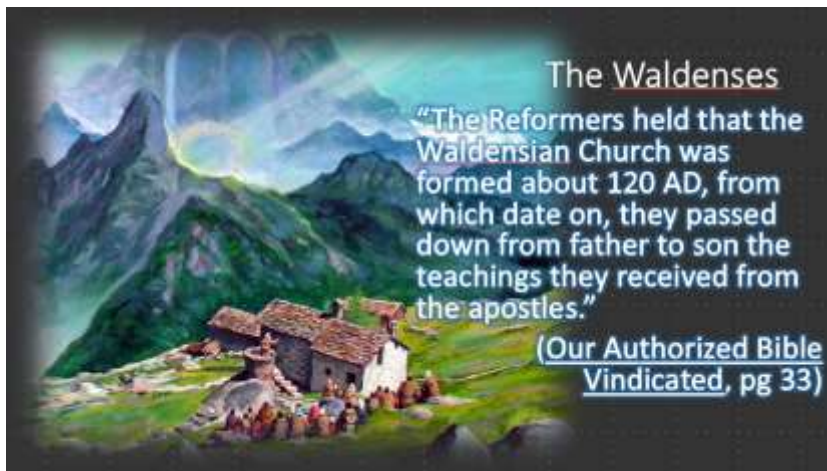
There is much, historical evidence that John the Revelator kept the Torah and the Feasts of Yahweh. And he continued to teach others to do so among the lost ten tribes of Israel, and their Gentile converts. This quotation shows the resistance of the English people to the papal power which tried to stop them from keeping the Sabbaths and Passover.



In Scotland, into the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, the Scottish people were being pressured by the powerful Bishop of Rome to give up their ties to Israel. The saints of Scotland were threatened to stop observing Sabbath and start keeping the sanctioned days of the pagans such as Easter and Lent. These demands from Rome fell on deaf ears for several hundred years.

“Queen Margaret tried to get the Scottish people to change from observing Passover to observing Easter. The points raised (against the church in Scotland) were these: the Lenten fast, the observance of Sabbath... the celebration of the eucharist, and the observance of Easter. The Scottish Church and her clergy were charged on all these points, as being in error... Does (this) not cut the ground from beneath the feet of those who assert that the Scottish church by this time (11<sup>th</sup> Century AD) was... one with Church of Rome in doctrine and worship?” (History of the Scottish Nation, p 650)

There is much evidence to show that the Waldenses were not only Caucasian descendants from the lost ten tribes, they also carried on the teachings of the apostles. Thus they were literally and spiritually Israel.



The faithful Waldenses worshipped Yahweh with hymns, much as we do today. However, their hymns were more like sermons.

Many of their hymns clearly demonstrate that the Waldenses did not partake of Rome’s doctrines or days of worship. Rather, we see that they revered and kept Yahweh’s days, as had Israel of old.

“All pageantry not from the Bible Word  
 Most certainly arrives from Italy!  
 Of this truth we bear witness, hearts bestirred  
 As far as Rome itself, the Pope’s city.  
 Just ask the Pope! He shall himself confess  
 His celebrations do not come from God,  
 The Jewish statutes God alone will bless  
 Where Popes unholy refuse to trod.  
 He may claim that the Bible is divine,  
 But his grand liturgies are not found there.  
 He does not say they are not Rome’s design,



Invented for the god-man’s idol prayer.  
 However held, Passover in God’s Word  
 As we can clearly read what God commands  
 Pope Victor changed, the Jewish rites interred,  
 Wrote innovations with unholy hands...



Instead of Sabbath, they Sunday hold,  
The Passover into Easter transform;  
Whitsuntide they boldly make the celebration of the  
Fiftieth day (Pentecost)..."

*(Bosnia Cathars 1588-1623 Samuel Kohn:  
Die Sabbatharier in Siebenburgen Ihr Geshichte, Literalur, und Doqmatik,  
Budapest, Verlag von Singer & Wolfer, 1894;  
Lipzig, Verlag von Franz Wager, p 80.)*

Unable to stop the spread of Israel by threats, Rome resorted to the intense persecution known as the Inquisition.

Rome was doing everything possible to cause the Waldenses to relinquish their loyal stand upon the Word of God by "...taking away their children, and bringing them up in the Roman religion, or in hindering them from disposing of their goods, or in imprisoning some, and massacring others, as they did in the year 1655" (History of the Ancient Christians, p 538).

According to The History of the Inquisition in the Middle Ages, Vol 1, p220, A bull was issued to eradicate spiritual and literal Israel. All Judaizers, as they were called, would suffer for their



faithfulness. Torture was used to obtain confessions and rejection of the Torah Truth.

Capital punishment was meted out for the "guilty"

Those who failed to denounce Israelite heretics were also heretics and would suffer their same fate.



These Torah keeping people from the ten "lost tribes" of Israel, did bless the world and gained many converts despite the continued papal persecution.

One such was Christopher Columbus...





“Columbus ordered the entire crew to be on board (his famous exploratory fleet) before 11 p.m. on the night of August 2, 1492... An hour later, the Spanish police... and the familiars of the Inquisition would be invading the homes of the Torah-keeping Christians at midnight on this date was the deadline for the edict of banishment (of Judaizers) to

be put into effect.”

Columbus’ expedition was equipped for the voyage by an interest free loan of 17,000 ducats, provided by the known Jews, Luis Santangel. Prior to the expedition, Columbus had met repeatedly with Abraham Senior and Isaac Abravenel, two men who were Jews and members of the richest and most influential families in Sevilla.

After Columbus discovered America, his first letters informing of this fact were sent to these two Jewish men. The edict banishing the Jews was published on March, 1492 and enforced in August of 1492... 800,000 “marranos” (a derogatory name – pigs – for Christian Israelites) judaizers suffered the loss of their properties – and many lost their lives.”

*(Vida del muy Manifico Senor don Cristobal Colon, Buenos Aires, 1958 p XXIII)*

“Two of the many names Waldenses were known by are "Cathari" and "Puritans" (History of the Ancient Christians, p 45). This fact lends some interesting detail to early American history, connecting our Pilgrim founders to the lost ten tribes of Israel.

“When the Puritans first began to settle in what was then known as New England, their motivation for moving from Europe to America was that they might establish: “A country without a king and a church without a pope!” **Thus, the Puritans, who settled at Salem and Boston Massachusetts in 1630, were a renamed faction of the original Waldenses who had been keeping the Sabbaths and the whole Law from the time of the apostles,**” (History of the Ancient Christians, p. 23 and 45).

Significantly, we can trace the history of the lost ten tribes of Israel connecting them to the United States of America. From the dispersion of Israel when Assyria uprooted the ten northern tribes of Israel, to the relocation into the Caucasus Mountain region, to their immigration and settlement of Europe, and finally to their pilgrimage and further immigration into the land later known as the United States of America – there is a deeper and stronger link between ancient Israel and modern America than many realize.

For America today is the home Yahweh provided for the seed of Israel, as foretold in 2 Samuel 7:10.

This prophecy aptly describes the safety and religious freedom the descendants of Israel found in the New World. It was a safe place – a haven from which they didn't have to flee from affliction, but were free to worship Yahweh and keep the Torah.

On December 20, 1606, 105 colonists and 40 seamen set sail from England to plant this new settlement to the glory of God. Robert Hunt was selected as their minister and spiritual leader.

The settlers landed on the shores of Virginia on April 26, 1607. Before permitting the colonists to continue inland, Rev. Hunt required that every person wait before God in a time of personal examination and cleansing.



Three days later, on April 29, 1607, the expedition, led by Parson Hunt, went ashore to dedicate the continent to the glory of God.

They carried one item with them – a rough-hewn wooden cross. As the party landed on the wind-swept shore

they erected the seven-foot oak cross in the sand.

The colonists and sailors gathered around the cross, holding the first formal prayer service in Virginia to give thanksgiving for God's mercy and grace.

Robert Hunt offered the following prayer on April 29, 1607 at Cape Henry (now Virginia Beach, Virginia)"

"We do hereby dedicate this Land, and ourselves, to reach the People within these shores with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to raise up Godly generations after us, and with these generations take the Kingdom of God to all the earth.

May this Covenant of Dedication remain to all generations, as long as this earth remains, and may this Land, along with England, be Evangelist to the World. May all who see this Cross, remember what we have done here, and may those who come here to inhabit join us in this Covenant and in this most noble work that the Holy Scriptures may be fulfilled." The Covenant of April 29, 1607

Using covenantal language, Hunt declared, "from these very shores the Gospel shall go forth not only to this New World but the entire world."

The following Bible passage was read at the conclusion of the prayer: “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the Lord’s and He ruleth among the nations” (Ps. 22:27–28).

Once settled in the fort at Jamestown, the whole company, except those who were on guard, attended regular prayer services twice a day, led by Rev. Hunt under the cover of a tattered old sail until a permanent church could be erected. They built the church in the center of town, where they gathered to lift up prayers twice a day.



No wonder America was the land of the free, the home of the brave and blessed.

America was founded by Yahweh. Because of its biblical and godly basis, it was birthed as the first ever nation to be free!



In Kirk Cameron’s powerful documentary called Monumental, the Matrix of Freedom is explained, revealing what made America such a blessed and free nation.

About 150 years ago, a statue called the Matrix of Liberty was erected on a hilltop overlooking Plymouth Rock. It is the secret-sauce recipe which shows how to bring freedom to every heart and home. Our national leaders, back then, didn’t want us to forget the principles on which our nation was founded – the fundamentals upon which all true freedom is based.

At the top of the monument, the largest figure is labeled FAITH. It is a woman, representing God’s Church. She stands straight and true, her hand pointed up to Heaven to show that her faith is in Yahweh, the one and only true God. This was the faith that birthed America – and brought about true freedom. Lady faith has a star on her forehead to show that as long as she stands in Faith to Yahweh, she will be blessed with His Wisdom.

**Daniel 12:3** And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Also, in her left hand is clasped a well-worn Bible, once again showing that our nation was founded upon Faith in the God of the Bible and in His Word.



Around the base of the monument, stand four figures, which add dimension to the recipe for freedom.



The first is a woman, again representing the church of Yahweh. She wears the high priest's breastplate, showing an understanding of God's Government. She is holding the Ten Commandments in her left hand and the Scroll of Revelation in her right hand. She is called Morality. This shows that the fundamentals of our country were morals based upon God's Word and Law.

In fact, as our government recognized just 150 years ago, there is no freedom in a society that is not governed by God's Word.

The next base statue show a man seated again holding God's Law. This man is named Justice. His side statues

show equality and mercy as being a part of Justice, which is again enacted according to the Laws set forth in the Ten Commandments of God.

Then there is a young woman teaching her child. This statue is called Education. Again, she is holding the Word of God and educating her children from it.



Finally the last figure at the base of the 150 year old monument is Liberty man. He is shown having vanquished tyranny. This man emblemizes guarding the freedom which comes from living by faith in God, educating our children, and running our country on the principles of God's Law and His Word. The sword in his hand represents the people's



willingness to defend the hard-won liberty and freedoms our country and people enjoy.

There was no separation between church and state when our country was founded. In fact, as was memorialized 150 years ago, our founding fathers developed the first free nation in the world by making God and His Law the heart of everything we believed and did. One of the very first acts of Congress, when our nation was young, was to print Bibles and place them in ALL the public schools!

The National Monument to the Forefathers, thought to be the world's largest granite monument, has been all but forgotten over the years.

The monument is located on Allerton Street in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and was commissioned by the Pilgrim Society. Hammat Billings was the architect, illustrator and sculptor of the 81' tall monument. Dedicated on August 1, 1889, it honors the Pilgrims' Christian ideals and values.

A 'matrix' of those ideals and values is expressed in the form of a monument and dedicated to the Pilgrims' who sacrificed so much in pursuit of religious freedom. The monument is a blueprint that provides an understanding of how liberty is created and maintained in case we should ever lose it.

The 'Matrix of Liberty' poster was created to bring awareness to this little known national treasure. Posters can be purchased and proudly displayed in classrooms, homes, offices, and churches.

**POSTERS**

Size: 18" x 24"

Enlarged Detail

The secret sauce recipe for making America the blessed and free nation which was truly the leading power of the free world was Faith in God, belief in His Word, obedience to His Commandments, and instructing our youth according to the Scripture.

This was what established America as a political "house". And now, that house is divided against itself, as step-by-step, our nation's foundation on God and Truth is being eroded away.

And Bible prophecy warns what will be the end-result for America, when we turn away from Yahweh.

- Daniel 12:7 – "And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him

that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.”